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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The issue is environmental quality. The urgency is the desperate need for action, the need for organized, multi-dimensional efforts on the part of all individuals. The urgency is the need for establishing a vigorous center of awareness, involving people from every field of endeavor in all the aspects of environmental improvement.

The target date of April 22 is a goal towards which initial steps for improving our environment have been taken. This is the date of the national Environmental Teach-In, also called "Earth Day". Several groups across the country, from university committees to civic organizations, have already planned strong programs for this day and the entire week April 20 - 25.

It is the feeling of a number of concerned students on this campus that, considering the very nature of our own school, we also should be providing relevant programs to support this Teach-In and continue the efforts beyond this date as well.

With this in mind, another meeting of interested students convened in Dr. Bennett's living room to discuss the Forestry School's involvement in terms of both the immediate April 22 project and the long range efforts that we could initiate. The following proposals were made:

1. to arrange faculty-student seminars or panel discussions on specific ecological topics (e.g. local pollution problems) for presentation during the week of April 20 both here on campus and in high schools, as well as on television or for other civic and community organizations,
2. to set up information booths and displays in area banks or other public facilities for the purpose of general public education;
3. to determine what the various clubs at this school are going to do during this week and possibly coordinate their activities (e.g. set up displays, provide films and speakers, etc.);
4. to provide information on our activities for the public relations center on campus, which could distribute brochures, program schedules, and news releases to campus and city media;
5. to work on the possibilities of providing tours to the Solvay waste beds, operating a city-wide clean-up with the aid of such groups as the boy scouts, and formulating similar projects;
6. to establish a new inter-departmental curriculum of Environmental Sciences, for those students interested in career work centered around the specific ecological aspects of long range environmental improvement.

A commitment to this program has already been made---but a handful of people cannot effectively carry it through alone, not only as it relates to April but more significantly as it relates to continual efforts past this day.

We have the whole-hearted support of Dean Payne and President Palmer, and some members of the faculty, but student support is lacking. Now that specific proposals have been made volunteers are needed to work them out. Anyone willing to help or offer further suggestions can contact any of the following people:

Mary Schuschni	478-4989
Ray Curran	x2261
Don Musbach	x2261
Don Charles	x2794
Howard Simonin	x3076
Craig Greene	x2293

It is hoped that through the combined efforts of all of us, a meaningful program can most certainly be accomplished.

-Don Musbach

## THE KNOTHOLE

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-George Murphy

### D. W. GRIFFITH STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

A national student film competition, a film, festival, and an institute, all in honor of silent film pioneer D. W. Griffith, will be held at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., the week of May 11.

The announcement was made on the anniversary of the 95th birthday of the late Griffith, the internationally famous film-maker who was a Louisville native. The joint announcement was made by Dr. William C. Huffman, Dean of the University College at the University of Louisville, and Lee Browning, Vice President and station manager of WAVE-TV, a Louisville station.

The D. W. Griffith Student Film Festival is open to film-makers from anywhere in the United States. No institutional affiliation is necessary to enter any of the five categories. A total of \$2,500 in prize money will go to the winners. The money was made available by co-sponsor WAVE-TV, which will also award at least one summer internship position in its Special Projects Department to entrants who evidence special talents.

The five categories are dramatic, documentary, animated, experimental, and silent films. Judges for the 1970 competition include Richard Schickel, film critic for Life

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## NOTICE

### SECOND TRI-WEEKLY NIFKIN HOUR

An informal, coffee-hour-like session with members of the faculty, administration and alumni present. Come to gripe, come to listen. Refreshments provided by Alumni Association.

Friday, March 13 Library Conference Room  
3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

### HAIKU

The sun crashes through  
The pines like a lumberjack.  
Everyone wakes up!

-James Levey

### SUMMER SESSION 1970

#### OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

Summer Session 1970 at Ocean County College in Toms River, New Jersey offers a unique opportunity for students to enjoy sun and fun at some of the finest beaches in the East while studying for college credit. A two-year community college with full accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Ocean County College offers classes both day and evening in modern air-conditioned buildings from June 17 through July 30. A wide selection of courses is offered in business, computer science, humanities, mathematics, health and physical education, science, public administration and social science. For information and mail registration materials, write the Director of Admissions, Ocean County College, Toms River, New Jersey 08753 or call (201) 255-4000

### NAME MAINE WILDLIFE REFUGE

#### FOR AUTHOR RACHEL CARSON

A national wildlife refuge stretching 40 miles along the Maine Coast has been named in honor of the late Rachel Carson, noted author of Silent Spring, a 1962 best seller which chronicled the dangers of DDT and other pesticides. The site of the refuge was well known to the author, who

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Magazine, and Pauline Kael, New Yorker film critic. Other judges will be added at a later date.

Rules for the competition and entry blanks are available by contacting the D. W. Griffith Student Film Festival, the University of Louisville, University College, Belknap Campus, Louisville, Ky. 40208. Deadline for entries is May 1, 1970. The judging will take place May 14, 15, and 16.

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The Spring moon is caught  
High in the twisted black hand  
Of my cruel elm.

-Janet Michelen

had a summer home nearby. Migrating waterfowl and shore-birds abound in the 1,305 acre refuge which will be expanded to 4,000 acres.

-National Wildlife  
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The Knothole staff would like to apologize  
for this issue not making the Monday deadline.  
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## EDITORIAL

During the years in which the State University College of Forestry has been in existence, record and discussions with some of our senior professors have shown that, on occasion in the past, the city of Syracuse has requested aid and advice (and has received help) from our College in regard to city tree-plantings and the like. Indeed, the reputation of our College in fields of landscape architecture, resource management, chemistry, zoology, silviculture, botany and other forestry-oriented areas is well established throughout the world. With this in mind, one could assume that Syracuse University would likewise seek advice from the College whenever any tree-problems become apparent on S.U. soil; it would seem natural and advantageous for Syracuse University.

Two week ago, my roommate, several other Forestry students and I had gathered in my room in Flint Hall on Mt. Olympus. We were casually discussing our course work and generally conversing about the semester when our thoughts were interrupted by the sound of a power chain saw. Curiously, we looked out of the window to find the source of the disturbance; and what we saw we could not believe. A crew of men from the Syracuse University Physical Plant were cutting down the larches along Mt. Olympus Drive. I thought that the men were, perhaps, thinning out the trees. No chance. In the few days of sawing which followed, several of us went up to the foreman of the crew and asked him precisely why the tamaracks were being cut down. I now look out through my window and remember seeing the tall larches that once stood above the 19 freshly-cut stumps that presently dot the ground. When I think of this, I cannot bring myself to comprehend the words spoken by the foreman to each of us as he replied: "We're cutting those trees down because there's no needles on them. No needles on them - then they're dead and there's no sap running in the. They're no good!" The crewmen did not believe my contradictions to their thoughts, even when we showed them last season's growth sprouts at the ends of the branches and the greenish cambial layer beneath the bark. I could not believe it! Thanks are extended to Craig Greene for pursuing the issue and complaining to the head of the University's Maintenance Department about these actions. Fortunately, after Craig did this, sawing operations ceased. The damage was done, however, and little can be done now except to replant that portion of the Mount's slope which today is bare. However, it is doubtful that such initiative will be attempted by the University. If nothing else, perhaps a lesson can and will be learned by our friends across campus. At any rate, let's hope so.

(I wonder if I can interest those crewmen into buying nice, healthy Tamaracks this summer - so that they can purchase them for Christmas trees before the rush in December!)

-Mickey Sull

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## MAC DONALD MEET

The last weekend of January (Jan 31) found a number of our brave stumpies at MacDonald College's Winter Carnival near Montreal for the Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Competition. After last year's mediocre showing, the two teams entered in this year's contest really proved that they knew their stuff.

Seventeen schools competed, entering a total of twenty-three teams. SUNY's "A" and "B" teams came in fifth and sixth, respectively, in the overall field. "A" team's members were Jim Boone, captain; Len Carey, Gerald Andritz and John Hastings, seniors; Carl Thuesen and Bob Lamoy; sophomores. "B" team's captain was Pete Buist; his teammates were seniors Jim Biel and John Glinzman; sophomores John Burton, and freshmen Ben Jager and Dave Hardin. Alternate for the "A" team was George Reagan and Rob Phillips for the "B" team. No team is complete without their steward who was Brain Skinner. "Hoss" Hosenfeld acted as photographer. Team advisors were Prof. Paul Sullivan and Dr. Richard Lea.

Two trophies were awarded to the Forestry teams. The Molson Co. Trophy went to the "A" team for first place in the pulp throw competition. Their winning time was 48 sticks in 2 minutes 39 seconds. The "B" team took the Terry Industries Trophy for cross-cut sawing, their time being 6 cuts in 58 seconds.

The overall high scorer in the meet was Paul Smiths College. Others scoring higher than SUNY were Universite Laval, Montreal; University of New Brunswick and University of Maine at Orono.

As a result of their high placing, the teams have been asked to compete in two more meets, one in Orono, Maine, and the other in Nova Scotia.

Also the Tri-state Meet with West Virginia and Penn State is scheduled for April here in Syracuse at Green Lakes State Park.

Dear Senior Class,

I hope the following information and opinions will help you make a better decision about joining the Peace Corps if you are so inclined. I don't dare claim objectivity as I only know about the Peace Corps program for Iran.

In terms of working in a professional capacity there are only one or two Peace Corps programs available. In these programs there is a wide range of opportunity from doing very little to working hard everyday and from designing parks and playgrounds to city planning. Depending on your personality and abilities coupled with those of the office, your work may range from an excellent job situation to virtually nothing. In my own experience now, I've waited for a month and one half just

5...etc.

## AN OLD SALT

Old and weathered may his body be;  
but this attribute be attained from the sea.  
He doesn't say much, and of this you should note:

He's master of his trade and the owner of his boat.

-So all you city landlubbers,  
Who come to the sea's edge and halt;  
T'would be wise indeed if well took heed  
To some advice from this well trusted salt.  
Though old be his looks (he is not thirty yet),

Many seas he has fought while setting his net.

Yea-many a So'Wester he has braved all alone

With nothing more fitting than the sea for his home.

And though he may not be learned

In the arts of today,

He knows what he does

From having learned the hard way.

So stay on the shore - you who won't dare:

Who are afraid of the waves and the salt-laden air.

Away from the whales and the fog-horn's whine,

Away from the seaweed and crusty brine.

But I envy this man and wish for the key;

That I may unlock, someday, and see

The mysteries and doubts

Of the Earth's Seven seas.

-Douglas T. Fir

Reconstructed by Mickey Sull at the request of the author

### NOTE-

The following is a letter from Philip Horning. Phil graduated from our College last year where he majored in Landscape Architecture and was Co-Editor of the Knot-hole. Today, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Iran, he has some thoughts he wished to share with our College. If anyone would like to write him, his address is as follows:

P. Horning  
Peace Corps  
P.O. Box 11-1576  
Tehran, Iran

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to design on little park. Although I've kept myself busy, the fact remains my coworker and I have done no design work so far and we're still waiting. In my case the office hasn't a proper budget so that transportation is our problem and we are waiting for a land rover. No one else works in our office for more than a few hours and the rest is devoted to friendly chats with fellow workers. Although I am supposed to masterplan parks the fact remains that the maps usually aren't accurate enough so that the only way to insure the plan's correctness is to be there when they institute the plan. I would guess my experience is worse than the average as others in my group seem to have work. From a larger perspective I feel the experiences on and off the job, the opportunity to travel, the learning of a new language and culture, and an outside view of the USA have made the Peace Corps a very worthwhile thing to me. However, I have met some volunteers who hate it here and the whole experience has changed them somewhat for the worse. In the long run I would say the Peace Corps is good for anyone who has some inner faith in himself, doesn't mind being made fun of as the new foreigner, is open to new ways, has some patience, and finally doesn't want to change the whole world but is just happy with helping a little. I will be glad to write to anyone who wants more information and my congratulations to anyone who joins.

P.S. Enjoy your last semester of school and support the April 22nd Environmental Teach-In!

-Sincerely,  
Philip Horning

TO: All members of the greater College of Forestry Community  
FROM: Mary Schuschni

Innumerable students, faculty members, administrators, and friends of the college have approached me in the halls, called me, or written me to say that they would really like to help with the Environmental teach-in (EARTH WEEK). I am sorry that I am unable to answer each of you in person. I have tried to answer as many of you as possible and have sent members of my committee to see others of you. For those of you that I have failed to reach, I hope that this answers some of your questions.

Any club, group, faculty member, or anyone else who has any plans or ideas for Earth Week---do not wait!! Begin work immediately. It is not too early. Please simply notify me as to what you are doing.

For those of you who are looking for things to do, here are some things that need to be done:

1. Public information booths: to be set up in banks downtown, in Shoppingtown, and in other public places. We need a group to organize these and people to man them, disseminating information and answering questions.

2. Displays: should be set up both at the college and in public places. Various clubs such as Botany club, Zoology club etc. anyone taking G.F. 502, or any interested person or persons can volunteer to do a display relevant to Earth Week. It would be hoped that these displays would be completed the week before Earth Week.

3. Public schools: Any faculty member or other well informed individual who would like to volunteer to disseminate environmental information through the very impressionable medium of the public schools should contact Barbara Spector 446-6022.

4. Television coverage: One of the most effective segments of the mass media is television. We would like to organize one or more small groups of students, faculty members, and/or other informed individuals to appear on television during Earth Week and to discuss environmental problems and answer questions.

5. Movies: Dr. Hanselman will be out of town during Earth Week. If we are to have any good films, we must order them immediately. We will also need clubs or individuals to handle the screening of these movies. Anyone interested in working on this contact Dr. H immediately; also leave word with me.

There are many other things to be done. If you can think of something you would like to see happen during Earth-Week, don't just mention it to me as you pass me in the hall! Organize! Do something! HELP!!!

-Mary Schuschni

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